

**REGULAR MEETING  
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
August 5, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Eugene Caldwell called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMEBERS PRESENT: Eugene Caldwell, Laurie Boivin, Joan Delabreau, Jeremy Weso, Kathy Kaquatosh (late), Keith Tourtillott, Betty Jo Wozniak and Gregory Askenette. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. Also present: Pat Tourtillott, Sue Blodgett, Marlin Waupoose, Devin Wynos, Chad Pyawasay, Jennifer Gauthier, Richard Ducane, Christopher Caldwell, Mary Husby, Devin Erdman, Walter Cox and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. **Moment of Silence.** A moment of silence was observed.

3. **Approval of Minutes dated June 3, 2008 and June 23, 2008.**

There was some discussion on the museum budget motion. The motion made by the committee became moot as the Legislature met on the museum budget prior to the presentation of the committee motion.

**Motion made by Laurie Boivin to approve the minutes dated June 3, 2008 and June 23, 2008. Second was by Keith Tourtillott. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Wozniak) and 1 absent (Kaquatosh).**

**(Kathy Kaquatosh arrived at 4:09 p.m.)**

4. **Space Rental Issue.**

Marlin Waupoose presented to the committee the space rental proposal for all the tribal buildings. Mr. Waupoose stated that his department can function with the same rate as last year. In the event that a major repair is needed (example: boiler repairs/replacement at the Tribal Office Headquarters Building) the Maintenance Department has money placed to the side.

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend to the Legislature to set the Space Rental rates for fiscal year 2009 at the following: \$14.89 per square foot -Tribal Office Building Complex, \$14.89 per square foot – Gordon Dickie Center, \$13.56 per square foot – Legal Services Building, \$9.84 per square foot – Recreation Center and \$13.90 per square foot – Library. Second was by Laurie Boivin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 8 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

**5 Request repair for Monument sign – Bob Fernandez.**

This request is for repairs to the Land of the Menominee sign that is located downtown. The committee is going to refer this back to the Community Development Department for implementation of the request. Because this is the third year in a row that this request has been brought forward, the committee felt that it needs to be tracked by the Chairman's Office.

**Motion made by Keith Tourtillott to recommend to the Legislature to refer the issue to the Community Development Department to determine who is actually been handling the project and to produce a cost analysis of the Land of the Menominee Monument project and that this analysis be brought back at a future date. Second was by Gregory Askenette. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

**6. Summer Youth Program**

Sue Blodgett and Pat Tourtillott were present to report on the summer youth program. They have 60 slots available for the summer youth and had requested additional monies for 20 more positions due to the demand for youth workers. Mrs. Blodgett stated that they will not need all the money but the final dollar figure is not available as the last payroll is being processed. The additional money was not used because JTP dollars were spent first; 7 workers did not make it thru the entire summer; some of the workers did not work all the required hours; and we only should be spending \$3,000 or less in salaries. The education stipend is not taxed so that was a cost saver. The program did not request in their fiscal year 2009 for any additional funding for summer youth workers because they are looking at grant dollars to fund any additional job positions.

**Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Legislature to accept this report and acknowledge that they (Summer Youth Program) have proposed that they will find other ways next year to fund additional youth slots short of asking the Tribe if they need additional youth employment slots. Second was by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

**7. Community Analysis Process.**

The committee reviewed this request and mentioned that there are already several programs established here on the Reservation. There is not enough information from this individual to support the expense of hiring his services to tell us what we need to do. The synopsis that was provided to the committee is not enough information to make a favorable decision.

Tribal courts can not give you information. HIPPA can not allow you access to any information. Every program has rules and regulations that they have to comply with.

The Oneida Nation is currently doing this program and we should contact them to find out if it is working for them. GLITC has a prevention group that goes into the communities and provides technical assistance for free.

**Motion made by Joan Delabruue to ask Administration to do an analysis on what we already fund, critique and evaluate all the existing programs that provide alcoholic or drug abuse activities, (looking at their goals and/or objectives), the number of individual served, what is the service base, how they collaborate with other programs and any measurable successes they may have achieved and are they reaching their goals. Second was by Gregory Askenette. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion is DEFEATED: 1 for, 6 opposed (Boivin, Tourtillott, Wozniak, Kaquatosh, Askenette and Weso), 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

The committee would like this individual to come back to the committee with a written proposal and presentation.

**Motion made by Jeremy Weso to have the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee contact Mr. Gerald Cavis, Instructor of the CAPPs Program to ask that he submit a written proposal to the Menominee Indian Tribe on what the program can do for the Tribe and kindly ask that he meet with the Budget and Finance Committee at his earliest convenience. Second was by Laurie Boivin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 1 opposed (Delabreau), 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Wozniak).**

**Note: Delabreau opposed stating “he already did this presentation and his cost and that was to the Legislature already and we have that information. What was given in this packet is a synopsis from the secretary, so I am opposed”.**

#### **8. Department Status Report Form – Discussion and recommendations.**

The Finance Department has installed the Fundware program which has a mechanism that can track and alert the Program Director and Tribal Administration that a contract needs to be tracked. Fundware can track the contracts but it will still be up to the Program Director to alert their ASO of the situation and to correct it.

**Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Legislature to rescind the motion dated June 20, 2002 stating “to concur with the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee of June 10, 2002, to approve the 3 page Departmental Status Report Form and this be used with the new committee structure”. Second was by Laurie Boivin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 absent.**

## **9. FY 2008-2009 Tribal Budget-Discussion and recommendations.**

Jeremy Weso-Tribal Administration presented the tribal budget requests to the committee for review. He stated that most programs stayed within the 7 percent increase from their 2007-2008 budgets as requested. Some of the programs requested more financial support and the committee focused on those requests.

The committee discussed Act 161, Community Funding requests, Courts Improvement Project, Courts Supplement, Education Summit, Recreation-Indigenous Games, Veterans Service Officer, Found Monies, Conservation, East-West University request, Education Supplement, UW Extension, Menominee Tribal School, Fire Protection and Utilities-Water projects.

The committee stated that we will honor all our agreements with Menominee County but any additional monies will not be considered until all tribal programs are taken care of.

Tribal Administration will direct Education to spend the Derksen Funds in the amount of \$56,000.00 before September 30, 2008.

The committee will review more justification from the courts (and their budget request), the possibility of increases to the communities, the possibility of life insurance for all members and the criteria, increasing the pow wow line item, HIP increase and the possibility of energy assistance from the Tribe, providing lawn mowing and snow plowing for our elderly, find out why the Recreational building will be closed during the weekends in the winter, energy baskets, Day Care's account receivables and the forced paid leave.

Dan Maine-Insurance Director will be presenting the Health and Dental rates at the next Governmental Affairs Committee which might affect the outcome of this budget. Mr. Weso informed the committee that Tribal Administration factored higher amounts so this should not have a big impact on the proposed budget.

The committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 4 p.m. in the Tribal Office Boardroom.

## **10. Monthly Reports**

No monthly reports.

**11. Other Business.**

The committee will forward the investment information from Smith and Barney to Dan Maine who is seated on the investment committee with the suggestion that an RFP be submitted so that several companies can meet with the Tribe.

Mr. Caldwell will also find out if individuals' account considered below the FDIC threshold of \$100,000.00 or is the Tribe's entire 401(k) retirement plan at risk due to the market situation.

Mr. Caldwell will speak with Chairman Waukau to request that Associated Bank come to the committee to answer questions prior to speaking in front of the Legislature.

The committee will review the possibility of bidding out the Tribe's insurance: 401(k), property, auto and unemployment compensation.

**12. Adjournment.**

**Motion made by Joan Delabreau/Betty Jo Wozniak to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder  
Chairman's Office